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FLORIDA, Miami

More than 1,500 persons attended the 8th annual Southeastern Florida Seminar, January 29 to February 2 at Miami's Museum of Science and Coral Gables' Holiday Inn. In one of the best planned events of any SFF chapter to date, the Miami Seminar featured the Rev. Arthur Ford in three sell-out lectures; and the Rev. Alex Holmes, well-known healer of Caro, Michigan; and the Rev. Joseph B. Fitch, Evanston, Ill., SFF Executive Director, leading capacity audiences to study healing and meditation. A highlight of the occasion was the Miami Chapter's annual banquet Saturday night, February 1. More than 80 persons became new members. Advance TV, radio, and newspaper publicity was credited for the successful seminar, but much credit must be given to Mr. & Mrs. Bud Hayes, whose energetic leadership is augmented by a hard working Steering Committee and helpers. The small group program on Saturday and workshops on Sunday were a successful venture which resulted in approximately 100 new people desiring to form new additional study groups to ten registered groups already at work. The record attendance surpassed even that of the Annual Spring Conference for the past two years. Our congratulations to the Miami Chapter.

PENNSYLVANIA, Harrisburg

March 8, Saturday, Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Worrall spoke in the undercroft of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Previously, Mrs. Jo Kimmel conducted a prayer workshop, the Rev. Ted Swager of Waldorf, Maryland, had a preaching and healing mission at Trinity United Methodist Church, and Mr. Kemper Hammel reviewed Life in the Unseen World by Robert H. Benson at Trinity Church. Future programs will be a chapter meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal, April 10. This vigorous chapter recently celebrated its first birthday with 200 members!

MARYLAND, Baltimore

March 16, Douglas Johnson, outstanding medium from London, England, spoke at Towson Methodist Church. Sunday evening, April 20 at 8 P.M. will feature Dr. Denys and Mrs. (Joan Grant) Kelsey, authors of Many Lifetimes speaking on "Hypnosis and Psychic Phenomena as Our Aid to Psychotherapy" at the Towson Presbyterian Church.

MICHIGAN, Detroit

Betty Maxam reports a growing spiritual depth among the members here. The Rev. L. Richard Batzler spoke in January. Alex Holmes held a healing service on March 18. The chapter hopes to sponsor Dr. Alan Jenkins of the First Congregational Church, Royal Oak, Michigan in Detroit April 15. Seven study groups have been formed.

NEBRASKA, Omaha

A new chapter Newsletter went to the Nebraska members in February telling of the formation of a new SFF study group in North Platte in the home of Marge Riley, leader. Eight study groups have already been formed in Nebraska. Also a chapter library was started at the Liberty Bell Book Shop, 113½ N. 40th, Omaha, the gift of Mr. Bradley of Bradley Florists of a collection which formerly belonged to the late Dexter Buell, author, early SFF member, and automatist. March 10, Mrs. Jo Kimmel conducted a prayer workshop.

CALIFORNIA, San Diego

A new study group has been organized in the Mission Hills United Methodist Church which meets bi-monthly. This group is using the manual, The Paranormal in Holy Scriptures, as the basis for study and rotating the responsibility of "Discussion Facilitator." Jo Kimmel led a prayer laboratory March 17, 18, and 19.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Plans are now complete for the thirteenth Annual Conference of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship to be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 15, 16, and 17, 1969 at the Park Ridge Community Church, Park Ridge, Illinois. Although beginning on Thursday night, the 15th, at 7:30 P.M. with the opening address by President Ross K. Sweeny, that day will be a busy one earlier with sessions for the Executive Council and Area Chairmen. A meeting of persons concerned with the subject of survival after death will also be held Thursday afternoon at 2 P.M. at the church and will be led by Cyril Tucker, Chairman of the Research Sub-Committee on survival. The theme for the 1969 meeting will conclude SFF's year of emphasis on prayer as related to the psychic and mystical dimensions of life. Registration will begin at 4 P.M. Single sessions at the door only, \$2.00.

Friday's program will feature the Rev. Paul Wilkinson, SFF Chapter Chairman, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Louise Eggleston, Norfolk, Virginia, noted leader in prayer retreats and Camp's Farthest Out; a ministers only luncheon Friday noon, quest groups in the afternoon, the annual Fellowship dinner at night (limited to 225 persons) and the evening lecture by Mr. Glenn Harding, formerly Executive Director of the Koinonia Foundation and spiritual therapy groups. Saturday's program will feature the annual business meeting and a lecture by the Rev. Arthur Ford and concluding quest groups. Worship and presiding duties will be led by SFF executives, President Sweeny, and Vice-Presidents, the Rev. L. Richard Batzler and the Rev. James Flanagan.

Youth are encouraged to attend the Conference, hear the lectures and meet for discussion at a "Youth Station" for all teenagers in the Youth Lounge. Discussion leaders will be Pat and Bud Hayes of Miami, Florida. Host pastor at Park Ridge will be the Rev. Ray Keeble, Associate Minister. See program on opposite page.

The Registration Blank should be cut from this paper and mailed with appropriate remittances to the national office before May 1, 1969.

CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles

Dr. Milan Ryzl, winner of the McDougall Award for Distinguished Work in Parapsychology, spoke in six locations March 8-10 on "Parapsychology - East and West." Three seminars on "Progressive Steps in Prayer" were led by Mrs. Jo Kimmel March 13 and 14. Venture is the name of this chapter's Newsletter.

GEORGIA, Atlanta

Mrs. Jo Kimmel held a highly successful prayer workshop in February. The Rev. Arthur Ford spoke to a huge audience in March. Mr. Thomas Edwards has recently been appointed chapter chairman.

GEORGIA, Augusta

Chapter formation and study groups are being led by Mrs. Jane Hudson, newly appointed chairman.

OHIO, Cleveland

Over 100 people heard Frank Estok, secretary, sing; Walter Ermer, Chairman, speak on personally experiencing biblical phenomena; and Herb Beyer, psychometrist, lecture and demonstrate psychometry on February 8. A panel of leaders answered questions the first of which was: "God is dead. Any Comments?" Editor's note: That must have been an interesting evening!

NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte

The Rev. Arthur Ford spoke to a vast audience at Dana Auditorium, Queens College, Saturday, March 15. Arranged by Mrs. Dorothy Guion, a new chapter is now being considered for the first time in this location.

ARIZONA, Phoenix

The Rev. Paul Wilkinson reports a continued series of programs have been held on "A Frontiersman's Theology" at his Asbury United Methodist Church. Also, last month Gertrude de Krock of Capetown, South Africa, known in India as Mother of Love, and a woman who has participated in every known mystical experience, spoke to the people at Asbury Methodist Church.

CONFERENCE LODGING

Members, subscribers, and friends attending the Annual Conference in Park Ridge, must make their own reservations directly to one of the following places. All addresses are Park Ridge, Illinois.

- 1) Park Ridge Inn, Touhy Ave., one block from church.
- 2) Marriott Inn, Higgins Road @ Park Ridge
- 3) Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Higgins Road @ Kennedy Expressway
- 4) Waller's Motel, Touhy Avenue

PROGRAM FOR 1969 SFF CONFERENCE, Park Ridge Community Church, Park Ridge, Illinois
May 15, 16, 17, 1969

THURSDAY May 15

- 4:00 P.M. REGISTRATION BEGINS - Book Exhibit Open
7:30 P.M. OPENING OF CONFERENCE with President Ross Sweeny's Address
9:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HOUR in Jordan Hall

FRIDAY May 16

- 9:15 A.M. WORSHIP - The Rev. Ross K. Sweeny, officiating
9:30 A.M. LECTURE - "Meditative Prayer," The Rev. Paul Wilkinson
10:30 A.M. RECESS
10:45 A.M. LECTURE - "Prayer and the Psychical," Mrs. Louise Eggleston
12:00 Noon MINISTERS ONLY LUNCHEON - "Interpreting Prayer, Healing and the Psychical to the Congregation," The Rev. L. Richard Batzler
2:00 P.M. WORSHIP - The Rev. L. Richard Batzler
2:30 P.M. QUEST GROUPS - Leaders: Mrs. Joan Kimmel, The Rev. Paul Wilkinson,
Mr. Glenn Harding, and Mrs. Louise Eggleston
Presiding: The Rev. William Rauscher, Dr. W. Fraser Strachan,
The Rev. George H. Wright, The Rev. Eugene Carter
4:15 P.M. A CELEBRATION OF THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS, The Rev. Paul L. Higgins
6:00 P.M. DINNER in Jordan Hall - Limited Seating Capacity
7:30 P.M. LECTURE - "The Role of Prayer in World Peace," Mr. Glenn Harding
8:30 P.M. WORSHIP - The Rev. Ross K. Sweeny, officiating

SATURDAY May 17

- 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP - The Rev. James M. Flanagan
9:15 A.M. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
10:15 A.M. LECTURE - "Prayer and Communion with the Other Side," The Rev. Arthur Ford
11:00 A.M. QUEST GROUPS - Leaders: Mrs. Joan Kimmel, The Rev. Paul Wilkinson,
Mr. Glenn Harding, and Mrs. Louise Eggleston
Presiding: Same people presiding as above
12:15 P.M. CLOSING WORSHIP - The Rev. Ross K. Sweeny

To: Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, 800 Custer, Suite #1, Evanston, Illinois 60202

Please reserve for and register:

_____ for the full Conference @ \$7.00, the following <u>adult</u>				
Number	Name	Address	City	State Zip Code
_____ for the full Conference @ \$4.00, the following <u>youth</u>				
Number	Name	Address	City	State Zip Code
_____ for the Fellowship Dinner @ \$2.50 (the first 225 people)				
Number	Name	Address	City	State Zip Code
_____ for the Ministers Luncheon @ \$3.00 (the first 50 ministers)				
	Name	Address	City	State Zip Code

Tickets Will Be Returned By Mail To Registrants

S. F. F. Study Series: THE PARANORMAL IN THE BIBLE
Lesson 3 -- March, 1969

Subject: CLAIRVOYANCE

--Prepared by Mrs. Joan Kimmel

I. Definition:

The literal translation of the French word, clairvoyance, is "clear-seeing". A definition for our use in this study will be "knowledge of past, present, and/or future events, scenes and other information not obtained sensorily".

Clairaudience, visions, precognition, astral traveling and prophecy could all be classified as facets of clairvoyance and are in this lesson.

II. Biblical references:

a) There are numerous references to clairvoyance in the Old Testament. Among those in Genesis are experiences involving Abraham (17:15-16) when he learns from angels that his wife will bear a son; Jacob (28:10-18) who learns in a vision that the land he's lying on will belong to him; and Joseph (37:5-12) who experiences precognition through dreams.

In Exodus 7:14 to 12:51 Moses learns of events that will happen in Egypt if Pharaoh refuses to free the Hebrews.

In I Kings 17:10-17 Elijah is told that the widow's meal and oil won't fail.

b) Among the many references to clairvoyance in the New Testament are those in John 1:43-51 - when Jesus meets Nathanael; 4:4-43 - when Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman and tells her all she ever did; 12:23-36 - when Jesus predicts his own death; and 13:21-31 - when Jesus predicts his betrayal.

In Mark 14:27-32 - Jesus predicts Peter's denial.

In Luke 2:8-21 - a group of shepherds "see" and "hear" angels.

In Acts 9:10-19 - Ananais is led to Paul. The exact street and house where Paul is staying is given him.

In II Cor. 12:2-5 - Paul refers to a clairvoyant experience of a "certain man."

The Book of Revelation deals with what John "saw".

III. Comments:

The biblical references given are by no means exhaustive, only representative. The appearances of the resurrected Christ are not inserted but could profitably be studied in this lesson as could the section on Pentecost.

It is important to note that those who experienced clairvoyance were not living in a world of fantasy nor were they seeking an experience unrelated to the world in which they lived and worked. They were people relevant to the practical workaday world of their time. They were able to synthesize clairvoyant experiences because they were integrated, wholesome persons.

IV. Suggestions for individual and/or group study:

a) Have you had any experiences similar to those under biblical references? Do you know anyone who has? How did you or they synthesize them to help you live in the world?

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IV. Suggestions for individual and/or group study: (Cont.)

b) What might be the requisites for having a clairvoyant experience? Should such experiences be sought? If so, in what context? If not, why not?

c) Discuss the merits of spontaneous experiences over sought experiences and vice-versa.

d) If you have had or know someone who has had clairvoyant experiences how would you talk with a person who thinks such experiences originate with the Devil?

e) How can you objectively test a subjective experience? Work out some guidelines that square with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

f) What values could be gained by discussing your experiences with a group which meets regularly for study and prayer? Are there some times or some people you should not discuss your experiences with?

g) Are there any warnings that you would give to a person who is not particularly interested in study and prayer but who is eager to explore psychic phenomena?

h) Discuss how you would help someone who came to you with a problem such as this: He read a book about automatic handwriting and tried it. He got beautiful messages to begin with and even got evidential material concerning something he knew nothing about, but as time went on the messages dropped the "spiritual" tone and became ugly, then he began to hear noises and later voices that told him he was to do certain things he knew were not right to do. The voices kept him awake and he had become physically exhausted. He thought he was going out of his mind. He was having difficulty in doing his job and was irritable with his wife and children.

i) What specific disciplines can you undertake that will strengthen you in body, mind, and spirit so that you are able to handle clairvoyant experiences if and when they come?

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OTHER NEWS

The Rev. Arthur Ford is scheduled to speak April 20 at the Sunday luncheon series in Kieffer Dining Room, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. He also hopes to complete plans to speak in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Wichita, Kansas this spring....The work of SFF has been reported in The Japanese Times according to a letter received in the national office....As a part of the "University for Man" series at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, Professor William H. Coates, SFF member, leads a study on "Borderland Areas of Knowledge" which includes discussions on parapsychology, ESP in various forms, and psychic phenomena among other things....This preliminary announcement of SFF's second national retreat will be detailed in the April Newsletter. A registration form will be included then. But so that you may plan, it will be held on the campus of Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, Sunday, July 6 to Saturday, July 12. The theme will open the 1969-70 emphasis on spiritual healing and will be led by Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Worrall and feature lectures, workshops, and small group experiences. Please wait for the April Newsletter to make your reservation.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The SFF is exploring the possibility of securing a new part-time member for the staff. The need is for a man or woman who can blend fund-raising with good public relations and general promotion. This person should be a member of SFF, possess a good understanding of the purpose and program of the Fellowship, and be knowledgeable in fund raising.

Interested persons are asked to submit a brief biographical sketch to the Personnel Committee.

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NOTICE

We regret that printing delays and the breakdown of our addressing equipment has delayed delivery of the last two Newsletters. Every effort is being made to correct these problems and we will make every effort to have them on hand earlier each month. Area Chairmen are reminded to send us news of meetings by the tenth of each month for the month to follow. Thank you.

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